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# HORTUS NURSERIES

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## TWO DELPHINIUM

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Our hybrid DELPHINIUM are grown from seed given us by a famous private grower. Plants have flowers in a fine range of blues and have proved unusually strong and disease-resistant. Give Delphinium room and air, plant in a deep hole enriched with manure. Water well during the growing season and give fertilizer every ten days to two weeks. Use two trowels full to large plant, apply dry.

Formula for Delphinium fertilizer:

1 part wood ashes
1 part Scotch Soot

1 part lime 2 parts bone flour (finer than bonemeal)

The DELPHINIUM SINENSIS will bloom for a long period if faded flowers are removed.



#### FOR A BLUE AND YELLOW BORDER

Auchusa italica Opal: 2-3 ft., June, blue	.25
Aster hybridus lutea: 2 ft., August, yellow	.30
Centaurca macrocephala: 2 ft., July-Aug., yellow	.30
Digitalis ambigua: 2 ft., June-July, yellow	
Thermopsis caroliniana: 5 ft., June, yellow	.25
Thalictrum glaucum: 4 ft., June, yellow	
Salvia pratensis tenori: 2 ft. June, blue	

The ANCHUSA will give clear blue before the Delphinium come and will stay in bloom for about three weeks. The yellow spires of the THERMOPSIS give height, and the foliage, unbeloved by insect pests, is good throughout the summer. The hardy and dependable SALVIA gives low gentian-blue. The perennial Foxglove, DIGITALIS AMBIGUA, has neat foliage and soft primrose-yellow flowers. It does well in half-shade as does the THALICTRUM with it's feathery blossoms. The CENTAUREA with striking flowers like small Thistles and the dainty ASTER are valuable for mid-summer.

#### FIVE GOOD PLANTS FOR EDGING

Most beds, borders and paths look better with an edging.

Campanula carpatica: June-July, blue\$	.25
Helianthemum: (Sun Rose) May-June, mixed pastel shades	.35
Iberis sempivirens: May, white	.25
Teucrium chamaedrys	

Clip the evergreen IBERIS after it has flowered. The TEUCRIUM is best clipped in May and again early in the summer. It's shining evergreen leaves are a good dark green. The HELIANTHEMUM is almost evergreen and the flowers look like small single Roses. The NEPETA has gray-green foliage,—plant SWEET WILLIAM NEW-PORT PINK behind it for a lovely effect. The CAMPANULA can be kept in bloom for a long time if not allowed to seed.

## **CHRYSANTHEMUMS**

We have a nice collection of good varieties and list some of our best. Use Korean Hybrids, double-flowered and pompons to have bloom for two months. Plant in late May or June, pinch back once or twice and feed occasionally during the summer.

Korean hybrids:	<b>\$.35</b>
Double-flowering	.30
Pampons & semi-double	.25

Two of the hardiest Koreans in this locality are VULCAN, flame-red, and LOUISE SCHLING, coppery-red, CERES is chamois-yellow combining well with all shades, ORION a bright yellow, DIANA and DAPIINE are both pinks. The double-flowered OCTOBER DAWN is shell pink, JEAN TREADWAY rose-pink and particularly sturdy, RUTH CUMMING is terra-cotta to bronze. The amber-yellow ALICE HOWELL is semi-double, an unnamed maroon pompon comes late followed by the small cinnamon pompon BROWN BESSIE, latest and hardiest of them all.

Any twelve plants of one kind and variety sold at the price of ten.

#### POTS AND PETUNIAS

Pots:	red	clay,	small	to	large	, from			\$ .15	to	\$5.00
Petun	ias:	doubl	e whit	æ,	good	plants	from	pots	 \$	2.25	-doz.

We have POTS in many shapes and sizes for windows, porches and terraces, many are priced very low. The double white PETUNIA resembles a Carnation and has a delicious carnation fragrance. Last summer it was offered under various names and with varying stories as to it's origin. The true story probably is that it was brought in from Germany many years ago and that all these years plants have been lovingly tended in some sunny window and so the variety has survived. They are excellent both in pots and planted out. If fed with PLANTSPUR at intervals they make a wonderful growth. We can also provide other kinds of Petunias.

Plantspur:		50	lbs.	for	or \$1.75		lbs	for	\$3.30
	For general garden t	ıse,	quicl	k in	action				